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The following left the MERSEBURG A/A barracks:

about 200 Soviet troops
 9 x heavy A/A guns with double wheels (122 mm M/1955)
 3 x radar vehicles.

2. 27 June

The following left the A/A barracks MERSEBURG:

about 200 Soviet troops
 12 x A/A guns, 100 mm.
 3 x radar vehicles.

3. 28 and 29 June

The same number of guns and troops mentioned in paras 1 and 2 above returned to the A/A barracks.

4. Departures and returns of the same numbers of weapons and troops took place between 10 and 13 July.

5. On 15 July almost all the A/A guns and troops left the A/A barracks. On 18 June the following were seen still to be in the barracks:

4 x A/A rocket training guns
 4 x A/A guns, 100 mm.
 4 x radar vehicles
 4 x W/T trucks
 8 x tracked troop carriers
 8 x wheeled prime movers
 2 x tracked prime movers

about 250 Soviet barrack troops
 about 100 visiting Soviet troops in training.
 24 x EGA NCO's under training.

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6. MERSEBURG Airfielda) 16 July

About 300 Soviet troops arrived at the MERSEBURG airfield

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b) Aircraft State

On 19 July the following aircraft were at MERSEBURG airfield:

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4 x MIG 15
4 x MIG 17
4 x MIG 19
4 x IL 12
2 x helicopters.

c) There ~~was~~ constant flying activity both by day and by night.